

Amendments to the claims

Please cancel claims 15 through 29.

30. (New) An ignition coil component attachable to a spark plug, comprising:

electrically conductive means connected to said ignition coil component provided with a socket for receiving a spark plug; and

shock absorbing means disposed in said socket engageable by said spark plug upon insertion thereof in said socket,

wherein said electrically conductive means includes means for yieldably attaching said spark plug to said electrically conductive means when said spark plug is received in said socket in engagement with said shock absorbing means.

31. (New) A component according to claim 30 wherein said shock absorbing means is electrically conductive.

32. (New) A component according to claim 30 wherein said shock absorbing means comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of plastics, rubber, silicon metal, ceramic and sintered material.

33. (New) An ignition coil attachable to a spark plug, comprising:

electrically conductive means connected to said ignition coil component provided with a socket for receiving a spark plug; and

shock absorbing means disposed in said socket engageable by said spark plug upon insertion thereof in said socket,

wherein said socket of said electrically conductive means includes a peripheral recess for receiving a portion of said shock absorbing means and thereby retaining said shock absorbing means in said socket of said electrically conductive means.

34. (New) A component according to claim 33 wherein said shock absorbing means is provided with a disk-shaped configuration.

35. (New) An ignition coil component attachable to a spark plug, comprising:  
an adapter mounted on said component and displaceable relative thereto along a line of traverse, having a socket disposed therein for receiving the head portion of said spark plug; and  
shock absorbing means disposed on said line of travel between said adapter and one of said component and said head portion of said spark plug when said head portion is received within said socket,

wherein said adaptive includes a second recess disposed along said line of travel, said component includes a portion received in said second recess and said shock absorbing means is disposed in said second recess between said portion of said component and said adapter.

36. (New) A component according to claim 35 wherein said adapter includes means for detachably securing said head portion of said spark plug in said second recess.

37. (New) A component according to claim 35 wherein said adapter is formed of an electrically conductive material.

38. (New) A component according to claim 35 wherein said shock absorbing means is formed of an electrically conductive material.

39. (New) A component according to claim 35 including a second shock absorbing means disposed between said component and said adapter.

40. (New) A component according to claim 39 wherein said second shock absorbing means comprises an annular member received in annular recesses in said component and said adapter.

41. (New) An ignition coil component attachable to a spark plug, comprising:

an adapter mounted on said component and displaceable relative thereto along a line of travel, having a socket disposed therein for receiving the head portion of said spark plug; and

shock absorbing means disposed on said line of travel between said adapter and one of said component and said head portion of said spark plug when said head portion is received within said socket,

wherein said adapter recess includes an annular recess and said shock absorbing means is retained in said annular recess.

42. (New) A component according to claim 35 wherein said shock absorbing means comprises a spring.